



# Environmental Tidbits

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## Announcements

**Attention MBP3 Members** – annual reporting forms are still available for 2007

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-ess-p2-mbp3-performancemeasurements\\_189893\\_7.doc](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-ess-p2-mbp3-performancemeasurements_189893_7.doc)

**Boardman River Nature Center Grand Opening-August 16-17**

<http://www.gtcd.org/news/wp-content/uploads/2008/08/poster.pdf>

**Michigan Biomass Energy Program is seeking proposals for state projects**

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/dleg/RFPannouncement\\_243809\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/dleg/RFPannouncement_243809_7.pdf)

## MBP3 Partners (or others)

1. Looking for anyone who can use 18,000 lbs of t-mold in various colors?

**Contact:** Betsy Hernandez, Steelcase Inc.  
616.247.3041

2. Looking for someone who can use 90 50# bags of FMC Soda Ash Grade 100

**Contact:** Kevin Alderink, Liquid Industrial  
800.396.5994

If you have information or comments regarding "Informational Requests", please send them to Jeff Spencer, MBP3 Coordinator, at [spencerj3@michigan.gov](mailto:spencerj3@michigan.gov) (unless otherwise indicated).

## Environmental Awareness

**Green Alternatives Wizard**

<http://web.mit.edu/environment/academic/wizard/greenChemWiz5.html>

**Bridging the Gap: Restoring and Rebuilding the Nation's Bridges**

<http://www.transportation1.org/BridgeReport/docs/BridgingtheGap.pdf>

**Five Chemicals Alternatives Assessment Study**

[http://www.turi.org/home/home\\_page/new\\_at\\_turi/five\\_chemicals\\_study](http://www.turi.org/home/home_page/new_at_turi/five_chemicals_study)

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## **Senators Push for Higher Energy Efficiency for Small Businesses**

<http://sbc.senate.gov/oversight/lettersout/080731-SBA-Carranza-EnergyEfficiency.pdf>

## **Green Fast Food: Really Here or a Green Dream?**

<http://www.socialfunds.com/news/article.cgi/2529.html>

## **Will LED's Light the Future?**

<http://www.laminalighting.com/>

## **Anheuser-Busch to Pour 5 Billion Green Beers in 2009**

<http://www.anheuser-busch.com/Press/2008/Jul/alternativeFuel.html>

## **US Postal Service Wants to Green 90% of its Fleet**

<http://www.environmentalleader.com/2008/07/24/postal-service-wants-to-green-90-of-fleet/>

## **Energy & Climate Change**

### **U.S. Climate Change Science Program for Fiscal Year 2009**

<http://downloads.climatescience.gov/ocp/ocp2009/ocp2009.pdf>

### **Blue Green Alliance on Renewable-Energy Tax Credits**

[http://www.bluegreenalliance.org/site/c.enKIITNpEiG/b.3227091/k.E4AB/Blue\\_Green\\_Alliance.htm](http://www.bluegreenalliance.org/site/c.enKIITNpEiG/b.3227091/k.E4AB/Blue_Green_Alliance.htm)

**Green Jobs Initiative** - a \$6 million investment in training for jobs in alternative energy industries including wind, solar, biofuels, geothermal and other green industries.

<http://www.michigan.gov/greenjobs>

### **Climate Resilient Cities**

<http://www.worldbank.org/eap/climatecities>

### **Programs, Tools & Resources to Assist Local Governments**

[http://www.epa.gov/region09/sustainable-cities/EPA\\_Programs\\_Directory-LocalGov-v3.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/region09/sustainable-cities/EPA_Programs_Directory-LocalGov-v3.pdf)

### **Wind Power's New Found Growth**

[http://www.awea.org/newsroom/releases/AWEA\\_Quarterly\\_Market\\_Report\\_080508.html](http://www.awea.org/newsroom/releases/AWEA_Quarterly_Market_Report_080508.html)

### **Grand Traverse Resort & Spa earns Green Lodging Michigan Leader certification**

<http://www.grandtraverseresort.com/>

### **Michigan achieves an 18% reduction in energy use with annual savings of \$21 million**

<http://www.michigan.gov/gov/0,1607,7-168--195936--,00.html>

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**Grand Haven State Park is going green.** A new toilet-shower building utilizes natural daylighting, timer-controlled showers, on-demand water heaters, reduced-flow shower heads, low-flow toilets and urinals, and a solar power unit for ventilation. The building will be a prototype for future facilities of this type.

**Centers of Energy Excellence**, a program that will bring companies, academic institutions, & the State together to create alternative energy jobs. The Michigan Strategic Fund can allocate up to \$45 million for the program.

[http://www.michigan.gov/gov/0,1607,7-168-23442\\_21974-195773--RSS,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/gov/0,1607,7-168-23442_21974-195773--RSS,00.html)

**LogHaven B&B in West Branch earns Green Lodging Michigan Steward certification**

<http://www.loghavenbb.com/>

## Recycling and Resource Conservation

**\*MBP3 Partner\* ReCellular plans expansion to Ann Arbor**

[http://blog.mlive.com/annarbornews/2008/08/dexterbased\\_recellular\\_plans\\_e.html](http://blog.mlive.com/annarbornews/2008/08/dexterbased_recellular_plans_e.html)

**EPA Funds 16 Brownfield Sustainability Pilots**

[http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/sustain\\_plts/index.htm](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/sustain_plts/index.htm)

**Grand Rapids Company Recycles Shingles**

<http://www.mlive.com/business/grpress/index.ssf?/base/business-6/121733730515790.xml&coll=6>

**Leave No Trace – Center for Outdoor Ethics**

<http://www.lnt.org/>

**Bottle Bill Going Nowhere in Legislature**

<http://www.lansingstatejournal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080807/NEWS04/808070336/1001/NEWS>

## Water Quality & Conservation

**NRDC Releases 18th Annual Beach Water Quality Report**

<http://www.nrdc.org/media/2008/080729.asp>

**NOAA Report on Offshore Aquaculture Development**

<http://aquaculture.noaa.gov/>

**Great Lakes Rising Again; Levels Close to Normal**

<http://www.freep.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080804/NEWS05/808040343>

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## Training/Workshop/Conference Opportunities

### **27<sup>th</sup> Annual International Submerged Lands Management Conference**

<http://www.submergedlands2008.com/>

### **Annual Meeting of the Great Lakes Commission, Oct. 6-7 in Quebec City**

<http://www.glc.org/meeting/>

### **Save the Date: LID Manual Workshops (Low Impact Development)**

SEMCOG will be hosting 3 workshops across the state to introduce Michigan's new LID manual. We will send out brochures in the next month, but wanted to have people mark down the dates. The workshop will be free, but registration will be required.

Wednesday, September 17, 2008 - City of Novi Community Center

Friday, September 19, 2008 - Grand Valley State University

Friday, September 26, 2008 - Ramada Inn Grayling

### **Save the Date and Call for Presenters: Fourth Annual MiCorps Conference**

October 20-21, 2008 - Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center - Higgins Lake, Michigan

<http://www.micorps.net/conference>

### **West Michigan Watershed Partners Forum - September 11, 2008**

<http://www.wmsrdc.org/>

### **Sustainable Cities and Communities**

[http://www.greenpowerconferences.com/renewablesmarkets/documents/gpc5260\\_SSC.pdf](http://www.greenpowerconferences.com/renewablesmarkets/documents/gpc5260_SSC.pdf)

### **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Sustainable Business Conference of Michigan**

**November 13th, 2008 - Fetzer Center - Kalamazoo**

<http://www.SouthwestMichiganSustainableBusinessForum.org/>

### **Great Lakes Green 2008 Residential Green Building Conference**

<http://www.greatlakesgreen2008.com/>

## Feedback

If you have not done so, please take a few moments to complete this short evaluation, thanks.

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=9IkHXUF9iifL6NjXBRHNag\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=9IkHXUF9iifL6NjXBRHNag_3d_3d)

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